



Not to sound like a broken record, but...thank you for your cooperation with the next adventure of the North Newington roadworks. They will remain on School Lane for next week and then hopefully disappear after the Easter holidays. We will be rewarded for our patience with the fastest internet connection in the land...apparently!

Huge thanks for all of your donations for the Mother's Day stall and particularly to the FOBCS team for collating the items on Monday evening ready for Wednesday. The children enjoyed choosing their gift and I hope they will be lovingly received over the weekend. Please take note of the update from Louise Hutchins on behalf of the FOBCS team.

A reminder that bookings for the Parent Consultation next week are via the link on page 3 of the newsletter, please read the information carefully before booking. Each slot is 8/9 minutes and staff will cover a snapshot of academic progress, pupil engagement and well-being. If there are particular issues to be raised that will require a longer conversation then a further meeting should be arranged with your child's class teacher at a different time.

On Monday 31st March, we will have a non-uniform day in exchange for food bank items, rice, pasta, cereal etc. Prabhu and his team are also supporting families who are at the John Radcliffe hospital and would welcome donations of nappies (small) and Stage 1 formula. Please do not send in Easter eggs.

Today, Class 1 had a fantastic trip to Broughton Grounds Farm where Farmer James gave them a tour of all the animals. They then walked across the fields back to school, there were some tired little legs this afternoon! In assembly, the children told us about the lambs, piglets and cows and how they were able to feed the lambs with a bottle. Thank you to our parent helpers and Euan for accompanying the trip.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Stevenson

Stars of the Week

Creative approach to learning:

Oscar

Violet

Fred W

Austin

Arlo

Alfie

Ella

Values - Generosity:

Nellie

Evie

Ethan F

Oliver V

House Point Totals

Ospreys	Hawks	Falcons	Eagles
2610	2633	2590	2610

Dates for your diary (updated regularly)

2024/2025

Term 4

Mon 31 st March	Non – uniform – see ARBOR message
W/b 31 st March	Parent consultations
Tues 1 st April	IROCK concert at 2.30pm
Thurs 3 rd April	1.30pm & 6pm Class 3 play
Fri 4 th April	Easter assembly from 2.40pm – families welcome
	End of term 4
Tues 22 nd April	Start of Term 5
Thurs 24 th April	Year 5 bench ball competition at Warriner – 4.30pm finish
	Year 5 Open evening at The Warriner
Thurs 8 th May	Year 1 & 2 Multi Skills – AM at the Warriner
Friday 9 th May	Non uniform – bottle stall donations for the Spring Fayre
w/b 12 th May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 23 rd May	Spring festival – from 1.30pm
Mon 9 th June	Class photos & Whole School photo
Weds 11 th June	Father's Day stall
Thurs 12 th June	KS 2 Quad Kids – AM at Warriner
Friday 27 th June	Sports Day – from 1.15pm
Mon & Tues 30 th June/1 st Jul	Induction Day s at Warriner / BGN / NOA / Wykham Park
Thurs 17 th July	Class 4 play –1.30pm & 6pm
Fri 18 th July	End of year DISCOs
Tues 22 nd July	End of term – Leavers service at 11am , followed by picnic at 12, finish at 1pm

We will continue to invite families to join us for Friday afternoon celebration assemblies, usually fortnightly

Parent Consultation w/b Monday 31st March 2025

Please read this carefully before making your booking.

Class 1 bookings – Mrs Barron

All on Wednesday 2nd April

ONLINE only – 1.30pm – 3.30pm

IN PERSON only – from 3.30pm – 5.50pm

Class 2 bookings – Mrs Trembl

Monday 31st March IN PERSON 3.15pm – 5.15pm

Wednesday 2nd April ONLINE ONLY 1.15pm – 4.05pm

Class 3 bookings Mrs Cooley

Tuesday 1st April IN PERSON 3.15 – 4.05pm

Wednesday 2nd April

ONLINE only – 1.15pm – 3.15pm

IN PERSON only – 3.15pm – 5.55pm

Class 4 bookings – Miss Elliott

All on Wednesday 2nd April

ALL ONLINE only – 1.15pm – 5.50pm

This is the link for the bookings:

[Parent Consultation Spring 2025](#)

School Council

Dear parents and carers,

The School Council have been discussing ways we can help the local community. Also thinking about our termly value of 'Generosity' and how we can be generous to people less fortunate. We have decided that we would like to collect food donations for the Food Bank this Easter.

Monday 31st March will be a non-uniform day and we would ask children to bring a donation of tinned food, rice, pasta, cereal and other non-perishable items. Please do not send Easter Eggs.

Prabhu and his team are supporting newborn children at the John Radcliffe hospital and would welcome donations of nappies and Stage 1 formula also.

Thank you for your support.

Samuel & Elias & School Council

FOBCS Updated

Dates for the diary:

FoBCS

Thank you so much for all of your support with our Mother's Day Stall, the children had such a lovely time picking their gifts - we really hope you like them!

Our next event is the Spring Fayre, the main fundraiser of the year, which is being held on Friday 23rd May this year.

During the Fayre we hold a raffle, where you can win some amazing prizes.

We are now in the process of contacting local businesses for prize donations, and are looking for 3 top prizes to be printed on the raffle tickets. If anyone knows of any businesses who can support, please speak to a member of the FoBCS team. Thank you.

Finally, could we ask that you please bear us in mind if you are having a spring clean over Easter and have any unwanted teddies, as these could make great gifts for our 'Adopt a Teddy' stall at the Spring Fayre.

Dates for the diary:

23rd May - Spring Fayre

11th June - Father's Day Stall

27th June - Sports Day Refreshment Stall

18th July - End of School Year Disco

Ice Pop Friday and Tuck Shop Friday to be organised accordingly.

Class 1 trip to Broughton Ground Farm – 28th March 2025



Contemplative, Compassionate and Courageous



Family Learning Online Workshops
April - May 2025

Workshops are held online using Teams.

These workshops aim to help you feel empowered at managing those tricky situations knowing you are doing the best for your child and yourself. You will gain insight into how to strengthen your family's self-esteem and resilience; and practise strategies to encourage positive behaviour.

CODE	COURSE TITLE	START DATE	TIME
TCZV213P	Emotional Regulation	Tue, 29/4/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV207P	Developing Resilience	Tue, 6/5/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV209P	Positive Discipline	Tue, 13/5/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV211P	Setting Expectations and Routines	Tue, 20/5/25	13:00 - 14:30

Mystified by maths? Homework a nightmare? These workshops explain the current teaching methods used to help you feel more confident in supporting your child.

TCZV215P	Year 5 and 6 Maths - Multiples and Factors	Mon, 28/4/25	19:00 - 20:30
TCZV218P	Year 5 and 6 Maths Long Division	Mon, 12/5/25	19:00 - 20:30
TCZV220P	Year 5 and 6 Maths - Division with remainders expressed as a fraction or a decimal	Mon, 19/5/25	19:00 - 20:30

To enroll, contact Oxfordshire Adult Learning by phone.

01235 216 278

Visit the website and search 'Family Learning'

www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk

BOOK FAIR

St Mary's Church,
Banbury
OX16 0AA



Saturday 5th April 2025
10.00am - 4.00pm

Meet the Authors
Listen to readings
Craft Stalls
Second hand book stall
Refreshments

FREE ENTRY
ALL WELCOME

donations invited for St Mary's Church
Refreshments available

For further details look at our website
<https://www.banburystmary.org.uk/artsevents>
or contact Church Office on 01295 276045
or office@banburystmary.org.uk

FarmED Family activity Back for 2025

Minibeast SAFARI

Join us at FarmED for a fun-filled bug hunt!
Discover your inner bug hunter... Sweep, scoop, and identify all of your favourite colourful critters!

Running on multiple dates throughout the easter & summer holidays.
Tickets: £5 per child (adults go free).
Time: 10:45am ready to set off at 11am (the bug hunt will be around an hour).
Our Cafe will be open for refreshments.

Find us at:
FarmED, Station Road,
Shipton-under-Wychwood,
Chipping Norton,
Oxfordshire, OX7 6BJ

To book your Minibeast Safari please visit:
www.farm-ed.co.uk
or scan the QR code.

Easter with Eggbert

SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 2025 • 10AM TO 6PM

PAUL GUSTAFSON INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S AUTHOR AND WHSMITH OXFORD PRESENT EASTER WITH EGGBERT

PAUL WILL BE READING AND SIGNING COPIES OF THE EGGBERTS ADVENTURES BOOKS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

FREE COLOUR AND DESIGN AND EGGBERT CHARACTER

FREE EGGBERT GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

FREE WORD SEARCHES

ALL PARENTS AND CHILDREN WELCOME

MEET THE GIANT EGGBERT, THE WORLD'S LARGEST EGG

FREE CROSSWORDS

BOOK READING

HOLD AND GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE GIANT OSTRICH EGG

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TERM DATES 2024-2025 – FINAL

TERM 1

Inset Day Monday 2nd September 2024

Inset Day Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Start of Term 1 – Wednesday 4th September 2024

End of Term 1 - Thursday 24th October 2024

Inset Day Friday 25th October 2024

TERM 2

Start of Term 2 - Monday 4th November 2024

End of Term 2 - Friday 20th December 2024

(TBC Friday 20th Dec – Christingle service, early finish, 2pm)

TERM 3

Inset Day Monday 6th January 2025

Start of Term 3 – Tuesday 7th January 2025

End of Term 3 - Friday 14th February 2025

TERM 4

Start of Term 4 – Monday 24th February 2025

End of Term 4 - Friday 4th April 2025

TERM 5

Start of Term 5 – Tuesday 22nd April 2025

End of Term 5 – Friday 23rd May 2025

Bank Holidays – Monday 21st April 2025

Monday 5th May 2025

TERM 6

Inset Day Monday 2nd June 2025

Start of Term 6 – Tuesday 3rd June 2025

End of Term 6 – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

(Tuesday 22nd – Leavers service at 11 am, family picnic afterwards, 1.15pm finish)

*******TERM DATES 2025-2026*******

TERM 1

Inset Day Monday 1st September 2025

Inset Day Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Start of Term 1 – Wednesday 3rd September 2025

End of Term 1 - Friday 24th October 2025

TERM 2

Start of Term 2 - Monday 3rd November 2025

End of Term 2 - Friday 19th December 2025

(TBC Friday 19th Dec – Christingle service, early finish, 2pm pick up)

TERM 3

Inset Day Monday 5th January 2026

Start of Term 3 – Tuesday 6th January 2026

End of Term 3 - Friday 13th February 2026

TERM 4

Start of Term 4 – Monday 23rd February 2026

End of Term 4 - Friday 27th March 2026

TERM 5

Start of Term 5 – Monday 13th April 2026

End of Term 5 – Friday 22nd May 2026

Bank Holiday (term time) – Monday 4th May 2026

TERM 6

Inset Day Monday 1st June 2026

Start of Term 6 – Tuesday 2nd June 2026

End of Term 6 – Friday 17th July 2026

(Friday 17th June – Leavers service at 11 am, family picnic afterwards, 1.15pm finish)

Inset Day Monday 20th July 2026

REMINDERS/NOTICES

- When waiting for the doors to be opened in the morning please remind children who are running about that the patio slabs are a little uneven in places. I also ask that they do not jump across the gaps at the top of the steps – Thanks
- Please ensure you drive down School Lane towards school slowly, there are quite often children and their families walking down the road to school too.
- [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)
- Please use the office email office.3302@bishop-carpenter.oxon.sch.uk should you need to make any enquiries, I will ensure they are addressed as appropriate. This email address is checked by me, daily. I respectfully request that emails **are not sent to staff after 7pm during the week or over the weekend,** unless it is an urgent query/update. Most email accounts allow you to 'schedule' send emails rather than send instantly.
- Parking 1 – the playground is priority parking for class 1 and 2 parents in the afternoon, also disabled drivers and the taxi.
- Parking 2 - When parking in the village at drop off and pick up, please ensure you are not blocking driveways (including either side of gateways) and not using grass verges. There is additional parking along the road further up the village and it's just a short walk down. **Please avoid arriving at school too early as this also blocks the road and residents can't get off their drives,** gates will open at 3pm.
- It is lovely to meet your 'furry' friends but I politely insist that dogs are not brought (walked) onto the school site. Thank you for your cooperation with this.
- WMAT vacancies link

[Vacancies - Warriner Multi-Academy Trust \(warrinermultiacademytrust.co.uk\)](https://warrinermultiacademytrust.co.uk)

- Punctuality - Our school doors open at 8.30am and our learning day begins at 8.45am. We have a lot to pack into our day and week, and want all of our children to start at the same time. We are unable to start our RWI phonics programme (delivered Mon-Thurs) until all children are in school, so please make a positive effort to arrive punctually in the morning. Similarly at the end of the day, pick up time is 3.10pm, there are an increasing number of families arriving late (sometimes unavoidably), often past 3.20pm. Staff also have things to do, places to be at the of their working day and have sometimes been delayed. Thank you for your support and cooperation.
- Water bottles – We have a small supply of paper cups for children to use when they require a drink of water. Please ensure your child comes to school equipped with a water bottle every day. Keeping hydrated is vital for their health and well-being, having a water bottle encourages good habits. Thank you.
- Just a gentle reminder that a Healthy snack can be included for your child to have at breaktime, this should not include sweets, chocolate, pepperami sticks, this also applies to packed lunches, in terms of aiming for a balance of healthy choices. There are some suggestions on this website: [Healthier snacks - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS](#). We do provide a fruit/veg snack for KS1 children for their afternoon break, we are also a nut free school.

- Parking – Parking on the playground can look quite chaotic at the end of the day. If you are in a rush, it may also mean that you are not fully concentrating, creating a risk of not noticing if a child/adult pedestrian is around. Please be mindful of making a sensible choice of where to park, this includes when parking in the village. Thank you.
- Please do not allow children to go onto the field and on the equipment after school at pick up time. There are many cars on the playground and often children are running off the bank straight onto the car park , without looking. Thank you.
- We have been given notice by both North Newington parish council and ‘Gigaclear’ that roadworks in the village could cause some disruption over the next few weeks. The first disruption will take place along Park Lane from 13th Feb – 26th March, please take note of the information in the letter on page 3. We also understand there will be further disruption on School Lane later on too, once I know more I will share plans with you.

There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings.

In being rooted in knowing we are all loved by God, we are then able to be more aware of our God given wings to fly and to flourish, to bear fruit in our lives, fruit of the Holy Spirit, fruit that will last. (John 15 v16)